Use of Haj Terminal at IGIA

2270. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to use the Haj Terminal situated at IGI Airport in New Delhi for domestic services during non-Haj time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government have taken to meet the growing need of domestic airways in the wake of heavy air traffic at Delhi Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi has been restructured and handed over to a Joint Venture Company-M/s Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) for expanding and modernising it. DIAL has drawn out a Master Plan for it. By mid-2008, construction of a new domestic arrival terminal along with the expansion of terminal IA for all departures will be completed. A new runway parallel to the existing main runway (10-28) will also be ready. A new Integrated Terminal will also come up by 2010 with a capacity to cater to 37 million passengers annually which incidentially is the projected traffic demand by 2010.

Shortage of pilots and aircrafts

2271. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the volume of passenger traffic is on the increase;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each airport for the last two years;

(c) whether there is a shortage of pilots and aircrafts in the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken to ensure that the industry does not suffer on account of this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage of passenger traffic increase for top 45 airports during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 (up to December, 2006) respectively is indicated in bracket against each airport as under:

1. Mumbai (17.5. 22.4) 2. Delhi (27.0, 27.1) 3. Chennai (20.3, 35.0) 4. Bangalore (37.5, 44.1) 5. Kolkata (26.1, 39.5) 6. Hyderabad (40.4, 49.4) 7. Cochin (CIAL) (18.2, 37,0) 8. Ahmedabad (46.7, 37.8) 9. Goa (32.2, 35.5) 10. Trivandrum (14.3, 33.9) 11. Calicut (16.0, 19.6) 12. Pune (53.3, 83.9) 13. Guwahati (22.5, 44.7) 14. Lucknow (20.8, 10.0) 15. Coimbatore (46.7, 55.1) 16. Srinagar (21.9, 45.9) 17. Jaipur (17.5, 57.2) 18. Vadodara (-0.4, 13.1) 19. Amritsar (40.0, 16.6) 20. Nagpur (35.5, 94.8) 21. Indore (1.1, 46.8) 22. Mangalore (13.6, 63.0) 23. Jammu (16.8, 36.9) 24. Varanasi (-1.6, 32.5) 25. Agartala (2.9, 35.8) 26. Udaipur (-3.0, 9.6) 27. Bhubaneshwar (7.3, 46.8) 28. Visakhapatnam (20.0, 45.8) 29. Port Blair (5.5, 141.8) 30. Patna (24.2, 38.2) 31. Bagdogra (20.3, 23.5) 32. Trichurapalli (12.8, 12.5) 33. Madurai (12.9, 42.1) 34. Rajkot (-11.5, 14.5) 35. Leh (-13.2, 14.9) 36. Juhu (-20.7, 33.7) 37. Aurangabad (3.1, 24.6) 38. Imphal (4.3, 45.9) 39. Bhopal (15.5, 11.8) 40. Chandigarh (23.5, 16.9) 41. Jodhpur (-2.7, 2.9) 42. Dibrugarh (8.8, 25.3) 43. Raipur (42.1, 70.3) 44. Silchar (-9.4, 28.0) 45. Ranchi (17.3, 52.7)

(c) There is a shortage of pilots in the country. No reports of shortage of aircraft has been received as airlines are being allowed to import aircraft from time to time as per their requirements.

(d) The following steps have been taken to address the problem of shortage of pilot:

Capacity of IGRUA is being increased to train more pilots.

Additional flying training institute is being set up by Government at Gondia, Maharashtra.

Total flying requirements for issue of Commercial Pilots Licence (CPL) has been reduced from 250 hours to 200 hours.

The age of pilots who can operate commercial flights has been increased from 60 to 65 years.

For issue of Instrument Rating, the requirement of flying has been reduced from 150 hrs to 100 hrs.

Airstrips in J & K

2272. CHOWDHARY MOHAMMAD ASLAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have indentified places in the State of Jammu and Kashmir where airstrips are proposed to be developed so as to enable tourists, both foreign and domestic, to reach beautiful places in the interior of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when work on these projects are proposed to start and are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up development works at Srinagar, Jammu and Leh airports in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

At Srinagar airport, work for expansion/modification of terminal building for 500 domestic and 450 international passengers is in progress and is expected to be completed by June, 2007.

AAI has plans for development of Jammu and Leh airports subject to availability of additional land from Ministry of Defence.

Plans for airports in Karnataka

2273. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed plans for airports other than Bangalore in Karnataka;

(b) the timelines and investment plans for the same;

(c) the status of the second runway at Mangalore Airport; and

(d) the status of the international status of Mangalore Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has